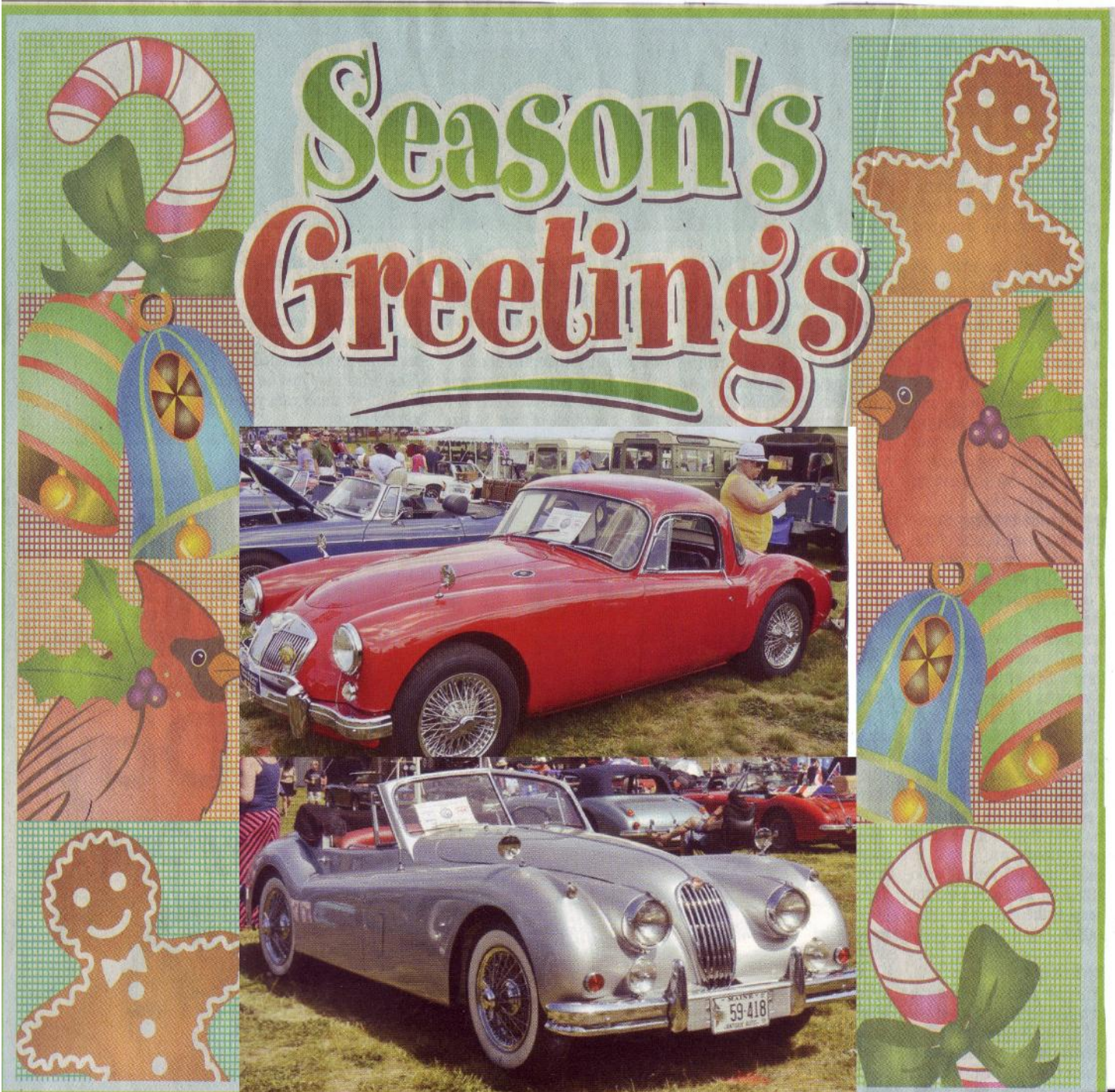


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of the
Bluewater British Car Club

DECEMBER, 2016

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Bluewater British Car Club Minutes



Date: **November 9, 2016.**

Number of Members present: Dinner: 8; Meeting: 9

Location: Stokes Bay, Sarnia, ON

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Secretary, Sandra Cronk

1. Call to order: President, Kim Rutherford, was absent. Roy Overton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the **October 12, 2016** meeting.
A motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by Alan Cutcher and seconded by PaulineIt was carried.
3. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Roy Overton, reported that there were no changes from last month. Current balance is \$957.05
There being no other questions, he stated that the report of the Treasurer will be filed.
4. Unfinished Business:
 - 1) **The Fall Tour** was great. We thank Barb and Byron Warwick for planning and executing the day.
 - 2) **Sunday, December 4, 2016 Christmas Brunch:** Reminder that we will meet at the Bridges Restaurant, Holiday Inn, at noon.
 - 3) **December 31st Mileage Award:** One member has submitted his mileage so far. Members have until December 31st to enter their mileage to the Club.
 - 4) **January 15, 2017, AGM:** Awards and food donations will be given at the AGM, at the Rutherfords.
5. New Business:
 - 1) Roy reported that we received a card from Jean Hicks, thanking us for our donation. He moved that we invite her to the Christmas Brunch and sponsor her meal. It was carried.
 - 2) **February Meeting:** Roy Overton will **give a talk**, after the meeting for about a half hour.
 - 3) We are looking forward to social events in the New Year.
6. Announcements: Our next gathering will be the Christmas Brunch at the Bridges Restaurant, Holiday Inn, December 4th at noon.

The Bluewater British Car Club
promotes interest in acquiring, driving, maintaining, and restoring all makes of **British Cars.**

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in British cars. Meetings are held monthly, every 2nd Wednesday, at Stokes By The Bay, 7:30 P.M. In addition, monthly club, driving and social events are scheduled throughout the year.

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...is the monthly newsletter of the BBCC.
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From The President's Garage



For the end of November, this weather is perfect. It is almost good enough to get our cars out of storage and back on the road. Of course the good weather gives us time to get out and put up the Christmas decorations and lights on the house .

All members keep in mind that this Sunday, December 4th, is our Annual Christmas Party at the Holiday Inn at 12.00 noon at BRIDGES RESTAURANT . When entering, the restaurant is straight down the hall from the front entrance. Looking forward to seeing all who have called regarding being there.

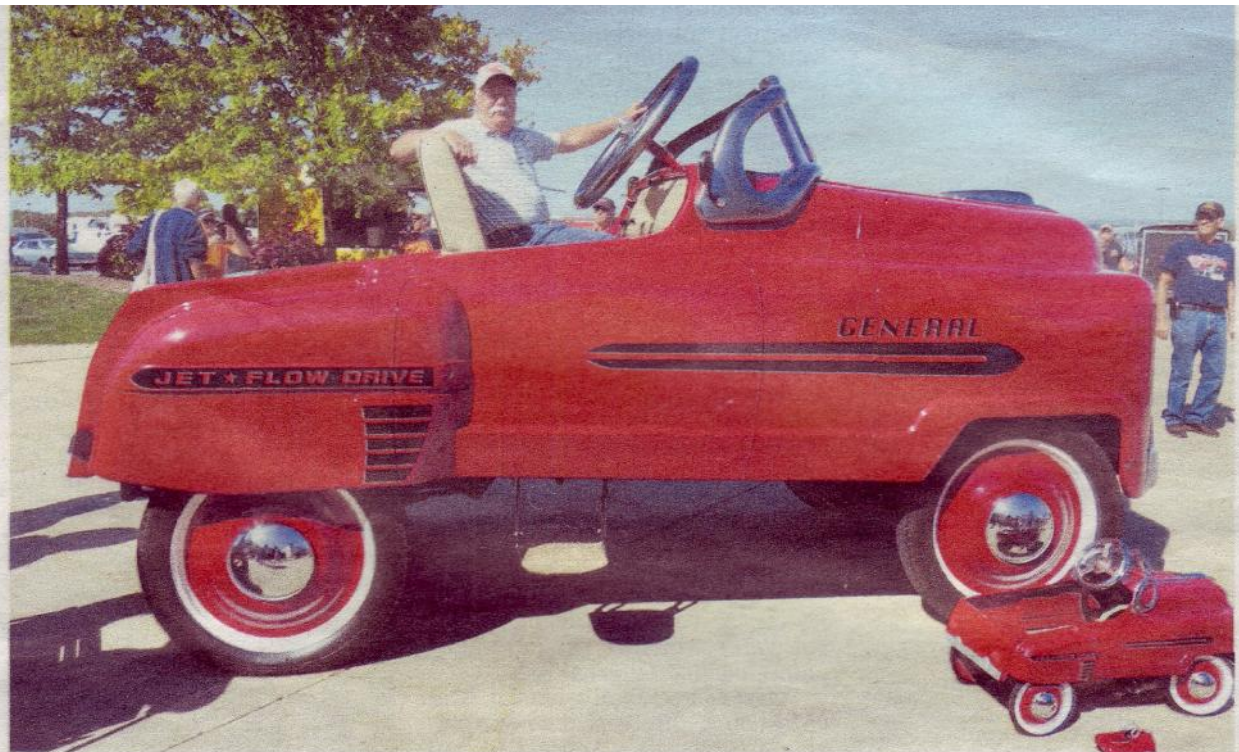
Congrats to Byron and Barbara Warwick for winning the long distance award with the MGT Club. Our Mk 11 which has been undergoing a mechanical overhaul is nearing completion and should be home before Christmas. Hopefully the weather stays nice so Garnet can road test the car and shake out any bugs before it comes home . However I am very impressed with his quality of work.

This time of the year not much is happening, however keep in mind the AGM which will be held at our house on January the 15th. More info to be had in the December Newsletter.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all from Laura and myself.

Happy Motoring,

Kim R.



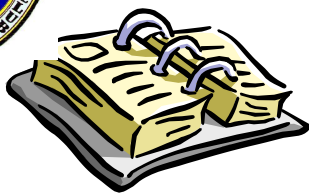
Dan Hryhorcoff spent two and a half years building the car in his garage.

**story and photos
by Jil McIntosh**

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**Calendar
Of Upcoming
Events**



**CALENDAR of EVENTS
2016**

December

4 **No Monthly Meeting**
Christmas Luncheon

2017

January

15 Annual General Meeting and Social

February

8 Monthly meeting at Stokes Bay
Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.

March

8 Monthly meeting at Stokes Bay
Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.

XX Drive to Henry Ford Museum.

April

12 Monthly meeting at Stokes Bay
Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.

XX Ancaster British Flea Markey and
Car Show

May

10 Monthly meeting at Stokes Bay
Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm.

XX Drive and lunch at the King Edward.

**BLUEWATER BRITISH CAR CLUB
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Sunday December 4, 2016 - noon
Bridges Restaurant at the Holiday Inn,
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Price ~\$23.50 all in

Note: Donations and Awards will move to the
AGM on January 15, 2017
at the Rutherford Home.

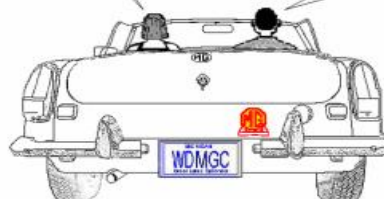
You can bring items for the INN, food bank to the
AGM



On the **Borderline**

Stop yelling at me! I've never driven a stick-shift before and you know I never get anything right the first time.

That reminds me, for your birthday gift I've decided to buy you some sky-diving lessons.





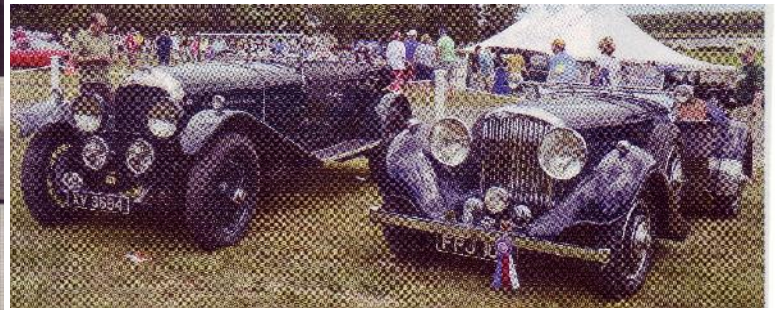
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Clutch Chatter...

By Allen Bachelder

Volume II, #12. December, 2016



And now we're up to December again! How quickly these years go by. ' Seems like I just finished *Vol I, No 12*. The next *Clutch Chatter* will be *Vol III No 1, January 2017!* What's worse, we've all added a year to our own ages. Recently, I clicked off number 77, and I'm willing to bet that's pretty close to the median age for our club.

And that leads me to that old problem that vintage British car enthusiasts are all but a dying breed. All British car clubs – big and small – throughout North America share this problem.

I see two approaches to it. One is acceptance. The other is recruitment. Everybody talks about it but very few do anything about it. No accusations here: as a member of eight car clubs, I'm painfully aware that the finger points right at me, as well as hundreds of others.

Personally, I've never understood the proposition that we only acquire the cars from our youth. That may be true for some of us, but I am just as drawn to cars far older than I am. Even though MGAs and MGBs (even T-series) are cars from my youth, I was 44 before I took notice, let alone any interest. Our own Al Cronk, consumed with his Overland (circa 1910?), is *not* reliving his youth! Those cars were gone from the streets before any of us were born. Nostalgia is not part of the attraction. Rather, it's a fascination with old machinery. Admiration for what they were able to design and build in 1910, 1920, 1930... etc. Being able to bring one of these machines back to life has got to be incredibly satisfying. These are the kind of people who we might be able to recruit. But there will never be enough of them to fill the "*Nostalgia Void*".

Another huge problem is that in our recruitment pool, cars are no longer cool. When I was in high school, any kind of a car was cool... even your mother's four-door Buick, which you might borrow for a Saturday date. Your driver's license was your ticket to freedom; for me it was manhood achieved – a rite of passage. Not so anymore. Our grandchildren could care less about a driver's license. Their ticket to freedom is an *iphone*. When is the last time you saw a butchered "custom"? How many of us remember what a "custom" is?

I recall riding with my dad in downtown Minneapolis about 65 years ago and coming up on a really rough example: rattle-can prime coat, smeared with unsanded bondo, most of the trim missing, hardly recognizable. "What's *that*?" asked Dad – not without contempt. "A custom" says I. My dad didn't miss a beat: "Looks to me more like a bad habit".

In our youth, there would be at least one every city block. You know: "Frenched headlights", "nosed and decked", "chopped and channeled"; grill bars from just about any car other than the one at hand, embossed club plaque hanging from chains below rear bumper. Continental kits, "necker's knobs" and fuzzy dice too. And if you were really going to impress "the chicks", you had to assume the proper driving position – squeezed over tight to the driver's door at about a 45° angle, shirt collar up, of course; sideburns and ducktail all greased up.

Did I say anything about nostalgia...????

Happy Holidays and...

' See you on the road.



COME MOTORING WITH ME BRITISH COACH BUILDERS



By David B Kelley

ARMSTRONG-SIDDELEY

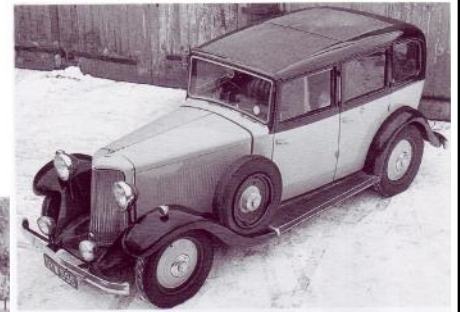
At the 1919 Olympia show a Armstrong-Siddeley Tourer was on display, showing a hand-painted colour and varnish which took three weeks to dry.



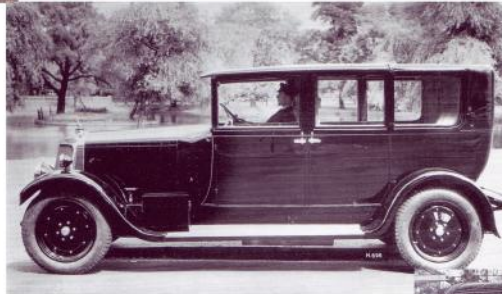
-This 1925 Town Brougham was built on a chassis by Armstrong-Siddeley and the engine rated at 30 HP.



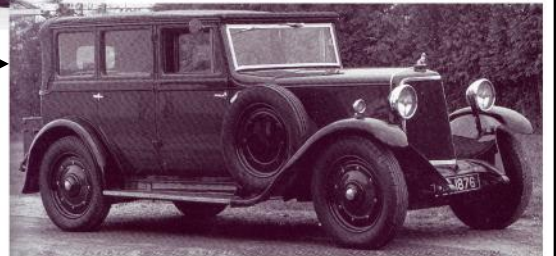
- Burlington-Armstrong-Siddeley's in-house coachbuilder bodied this 1935, 20 HP Saloon.



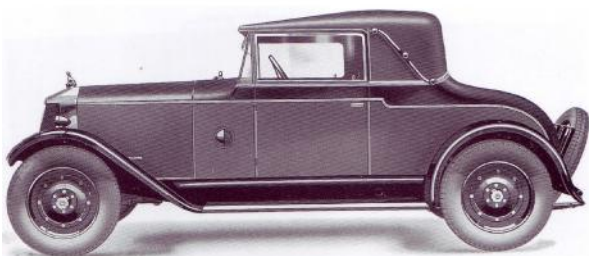
-Connaught : 1931 Armstrong-Siddeley 20HP "Moorland" is described as a all-weather tourer rather than a sunshine saloon.



-Shown is a 1928 Armstrong-Siddeley 30HP Limousine Landaulet.



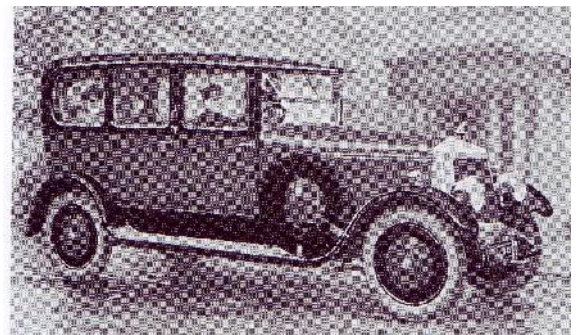
HOWES:1928 Armstrong-Siddeley 20HP Drophead Coupé was a 2/6 seater. There were two enclosed occasional seats as well as a 'Dickey'.



-This picture shows a 1936 Armstrong-Siddeley 17 HP long wheel base "Redfern" tourer by Maltby.



-This picture shows a Saloon Limousine: 30 HP Armstrong-Siddeley by Burlington, about 1925





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